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POLAND'S FOREIGN TRADE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

1948 TRADE FIGURES TOP BILLION DOLLARS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 309, 9 Nov 49

Poland's foreign trade in 1949 is expected to be 115 percent that for 1938, or 169 percent calculated on a per-capita basis.

Polish foreign trade in the last 3 years was as rollows: \$1,037,000,000 in 1948; \$557 million in 1947; and \$269 million in 1946.

CHAMBER OF FORFIGN TRADE HOLDS FIRST MEETING -- Rzeczpcspolita, No 312, 12 Nov 49

The recently established FEEZ (Polish Chamber of Foreign Trade) held its first meeting on 11 Movember. The chairman, Dr Ludwik Grosfeld stated that the creation of the chamber war war saited not only by the steadily increasing volume of foreign trade, but also by the enlarged sphere of operations. This expension is the outcome of the country's growing export capacity and its increased demand for raw materials, investment goods, and other foreign products. In 1948 the volume of foreign trade reached one billion dollars, 115 percent of the 1938 volume; the per-capita figures were 160 percent higher than before the war.

In 1949 Poland had foreign-trade relations with 62 countries and trade agreements with 26 of them. Increased trade calls for more efficient handling. The chamber must supply the central authorities with information on the problems of foreign trade, must organize an adequate propaganda campaign for Polish trude, and must make a study of all domestic factors entering into foreign trade. The Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade stated that the chief aim of Polish foreign trade is the exchange of Polish agricultural and industrial goods for commodities indispensable to the further development of the national economy. The PIEZ must further the expansion of trade relations with the USER and the recopie's democracies, and must establish and maintain trade relations with other countries.

Ir the final resolution, it was decided to set up the organization of the chamber, to contact similar organizations abroad, to establish a board of arbitration



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and outline arbitration procedure, to make preparations for the publication of a bimorthly bulletin, to assume the responsibilities of organizing fairs and expositions, and, finally, to collect informative material on the rules and customs of foreign trade throughout the world. The last item on the agenda was the voting of a budget for the remainder of 1949.

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